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HUKKA DESIGN

The Nordic Art of Soapstone



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HUKKA DESIGN, THE ESSENCE OF THE NORTH

Since 1985, from the heart of North Karelia's silent landscapes, HUKKA Design has been transforming natural stone into objects for **well-being, cooking, and home decor**. A deeply independent brand, rooted in its territory, HUKKA draws its inspiration from the arctic nature of lakes, forests, and Nordic traditions.

In 2024, the company began a new chapter with Michel Mercier, a French entrepreneur who has lived in Finland for over 25 years. The founder of the Tulikivi France network (soapstone stoves), he now leads HUKKA Design with the ambition of bringing this mineral-based art of living to France, balancing artisanal craftsmanship with a commitment to sustainability.



SOAPSTONE: A NATURAL MATERIAL WITH THERMAL POWERS

The emblematic stone of HUKKA Design is soapstone, a Finnish volcanic rock that is 2.8 billion years old. Dense, smooth, stable, and non-porous, it offers exceptional thermal properties: **it absorbs cold or heat** and slowly releases them without ever deforming. Its great thermal capacity, unique in the world, makes it an exceptional material for both hot and cold uses.



Naturally **food-safe**, it releases no taste or odor. From a sensory perspective, it is distinguished by a silky, incredibly soft, and tactile feel, often compared to that of silk. This haptic dimension makes it a precious, soothing, and intuitive material to handle.

Used for centuries in Nordic countries—particularly for saunas, massages, or cooking—soapstone allows **for a great diversity of uses**: it relaxes muscles, keeps wine cool, warms hands, or replaces a hot water bottle. At HUKKA, this raw material becomes precious, carved from the mass for aesthetic and durable uses.

AN ECO-RESPONSIBLE AND CIRCULAR APPROACH

At HUKKA, nothing is taken unnecessarily. The soapstone used comes exclusively from the production offcuts of a local stove manufacturer. **Every object is born from a recovered, repurposed, and redesigned fragment:** it is a concrete form of the circular economy, with no plastic or planned obsolescence.

The soapstone quarries exploited in Finland are subject to particularly strict environmental standards, ensuring extraction that is respectful of ecosystems and natural resources. This highly controlled exploitation makes it possible to reconcile artisanal activity with ecological requirements.

The products are shaped locally, without the use of energy during their use. **Washable, recyclable, and durable**, they are part of a logic of authentic sustainability. They are also hygienic: the stone is dishwasher safe without deteriorating. The brand thus embodies a simple and direct environmental commitment, serving a more respectful and harmonious daily life.



FINNISH DESIGN: SOBRIETY, FUNCTION AND EMOTION

HUKKA design is distinguished by the purity of its forms, its functionality, and its roots in nature. Inspired by boreal landscapes, forests, waves, and rocks, HUKKA objects are shaped according to a **Nordic aesthetic** where every line has meaning.

No artifice, no superfluous elements: the stone imposes its own rules, and **each creation becomes a sensory experience**. The reassuring weight of the soapstone, its temperature, and its velvety texture contribute to a serene art of living, based on the essential.



THREE RANGES FOR A HARMONIOUS HOME

For 40 years, HUKKA Design has been exploring the uses of soapstone through three complementary collections: **wellness&sauna, kitchen and decor.**



WELLNESS & SAUNA — SOOTHE, REBALANCE, REGENERATE

The HUKKA Wellness range draws on Nordic and Asian traditions to offer a collection of objects designed to reduce stress, relax muscles, and promote letting go. **All products can be used hot or cold**, thanks to soapstone's exceptional ability to store and release temperature.



GUASHA STONE

A traditional tool inspired by Chinese medicine, to be used on the face and body to stimulate deep tissues. The ergonomic shape follows the contours of the face.



ORBITS EYE STONES

Two smooth stones for the eye contour. When cooled, they soothe dark circles, puffiness, and the effects of eye strain. When heated, they activate microcirculation. This product has already been selected for several beauty innovation awards.



MINI SOLEJOY & SOLEJOY FOOT MASSAGE

Plantar reflexology bases. Thanks to their stone spheres and cork base, they recreate a deep, relaxing, and rebalancing foot massage.



SAUNAJÖY & LEMPI MASSAGE STONES

With soft and warm shapes. They slowly diffuse heat into the palm of the hand or on the shoulders. Lempi, in the shape of a heart, adds an emotional touch to the experience.



ENJOY BACK STONE

A genuine "dry hot water bottle" made of stone, to be placed on the back or stomach. Ideal for relieving muscle tension, menstrual pain, or simply to fall asleep peacefully.

Designed to accompany moments of rest, care, or ritual, the Wellness range is aimed at both individuals and spas, hotels, and massage institutes looking for **simple, beautiful, and effective products**.

KITCHEN & DRINKS – HUKKA GOURMET — ENHANCE FLAVORS

The HUKKA Gourmet range transforms stone into a culinary ally: for cooking, keeping food hot or cold, or for the art of tasting... Each object extends the pleasure at the table and magnifies the tasting experience, in a subtle dialogue between function and design.

For Cooking and Cooling:



KIVIKULHO STONE BOWL

A slow-cooking bowl, perfect for keeping dishes warm during a meal. Placed in the freezer beforehand, this container also keeps ice cream fresh for longer.



PAISTOKAS GRILLING STONE

Ideal for healthy, fat-free cooking at the table. Vegetables, fish, meat... everything acquires a tender and delicious texture.



KIVIARINA PIZZA STONE

A base for a pizza or pastry oven. An ideal foundation for a crispy crust, just like in traditional stone ovens. Can also be used as a serving platter for cheese or charcuterie (cold).

Pour le froid :



KUOHU COOLER

A stand for a bottle, to be placed in the freezer before use.



CARAFINA CARAFE

A tasting carafe with a soap-stone base. Keeps water, wine, or juices at the ideal temperature for the entire meal.



VIILEE GLASS (6 CL AND 20 CL)

A glass with a stone base. Place the glass in the freezer before serving for a consistently fresh drink without ice cubes.



WHISKYSTONES

The iconic stone ice cubes, which cool whiskey without dilution.



STONEPLATE PLATE (ROUND/SQUARE)

Square or rounded thermal plates, ideal for elegantly presenting hot or cold dishes.



HUURTEINEN COOLER

A cooling tray for several glasses or cans, to be placed directly in the center of the table for a prolonged tasting.



STONE SPHERE CUP / COASTER SAUCER

Cups and stands for serving a frozen dessert or an appetizer, highlighting contrasts in texture and temperature.



Tested for food use, durable, elegant, and dishwasher-safe, HUKKA stone perfectly finds its place in contemporary kitchens, bridging tradition and innovation. The brand has already attracted companies such as **Champagne Taittinger** and **Angélus**.

DECORATION & AMBIANCE OBJECTS — CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF SERENITY

More than just products, some HUKKA objects are sensory and visual experiences. Carved from the mass, the candle holders, diffusers, and stands bring warmth, silence, and nature into the home.

The forms are pure, inspired by raw rock, waves, pebbles, or buds. Their function is to bring nature into the house, in a spirit of “slow living.”



**TUNNELMATUIKKU CANDLE
HOLDER**

A discreet and minimalist candle holder to dim the light.



TULIKUKKA LANTERN

A floral stone lantern that transforms the flame into a living spectacle.

40 YEARS OF HISTORY, A NEW ERA

The year 2025 marks 40 years of HUKKA Design. This is an opportunity to celebrate a unique Nordic heritage, to affirm the values of craftsmanship, eco-responsibility, and innovation, and to lay the foundations for an ambitious international development.

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